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To,

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" Presdts of B'lore & Mysore City Municipalty
" DCs of Dts.

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NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith for perusal a memorandum defining the duties and responsibilities of various officers in dealing with the influenza epidemic. It will enable us to have complete information regarding the course of the epidemic in various parts of the State and the adequacy or otherwise of the measures taken to combat the same.

vide remarks of Second Member on the draft - Flag C.

2. As stated by the Second× Member, there have been some difficulties in the Medical Department in the matter of co-ordination. But steps have since been taken by the Second Member and myself to remedy the same.

M. Visvesvaraya

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With a view to enable Government to be fully in touch with the course of the influenza epidemic now prevailing in various parts of the State and to co-ordinate the work of the several agencies employed in combating the same, the following instructions are issued in continuation of previous orders.

Daily Messages and Weekly Reports.

2. Daily and weekly reports or returns may be submitted as explained hereunder:-

(a) The Presidents of the ~~Cities~~ Municipalities of Bangalore and Mysore should intimate to Government early every morning the figures of total mortality and mortality from Influenza on the previous day. This should be followed by a brief report, (which unless necessary need not exceed a dozen sentences) on the state of the epidemic each day, the manner in which the organization for dealing with the epidemic is working and any further facilities or help required from Government. Copies of the daily messages and the report should be simultaneously forwarded to the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner.

(b) The Deputy Commissioner in each district should similarly intimate by wire, in a few sentences, the figures, as far as available, of total mortality in

each taluk and the district, areas newly affected and any special facilities or help needed from Government. Copies of these should be forwarded simultaneously to the Senior Surgeon and Sanitary Commissioner.

(c) The Presidents of the two Municipalities and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts should submit a brief detailed report (which need not exceed one page) once a week, every Saturday, regarding the state of epidemic, extent of co-operation received from officials and the non-official public, supply of medicines and medical men, relief to the poor and the adequacy or otherwise of the existing arrangements, copies of the report being furnished simultaneously to the Senior Surgeon and the Sanitary Commissioner.

Responsibilities of the Senior Surgeon.

3. The Senior Surgeon will be responsible for all the medical arrangements necessary in connection with the disease such as maintaining an adequate staff of medical men in each affected locality, the supply of medicines, entertainment of additional medical staff, the opening of new dispensaries, &c. He should be regularly in correspondence with the Presidents of the two Municipalities and the Deputy Commissioners and utilise, in consultation with them, every available agency for adopting curative and other measures for combating the disease.

A brief weekly report, not exceeding one page, of the work done by the Medical Department should be submitted by him to Government every Monday.

Responsibilities of the Sanitary Commissioner.

4 The Sanitary Commissioner will be ~~expected~~ expected to maintain correct up to date information regarding the state of the disease in various parts of the State, review the same from day to day, bring to the notice of Government any deficiencies in existing arrangements and special facilities required and arrange for bacteriological and other investigations. He should submit a report to Government (the report need not exceed one type-written page) every Monday, comprising -

(1) a review (not exceeding one page) of the condition and progress of the disease throughout the State,

(2) a statement of work done by his Department in dealing with the disease. The review may, if Government think fit, be published for general information.

Responsibilities of Deputy Commissioners.

5. The Deputy Commissioners should arrange to get full information regarding the state of the epidemic in all parts of their district, direct all local measures to be adopted, communicate with the Medical and Sanitary Departments and obtain from them all assistance needed to afford relief and avoid loss of life.

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6. The reports referred to above should be sent regularly until they are countermanded. Wherever the conditions have sufficiently improved the reports may be discontinued, after obtaining permission to do so from Government.

7. Government particularly desire that the Presidents of Municipalities, the Heads of the Medical and Sanitary Departments and Deputy Commissioners should enlist the co-operation of the leaders of the non-official public to the fullest extent possible and afford them all reasonable facilities needed, to help the afflicted population.

8. ~~There should be a centralised control as well as a decentralization of detailed activities.~~ The success of the measures in saving life in the present emergency will depend very largely on the co-operation between all the agencies and the representative men of the localities concerned and on the intimacy of understanding that may be established between all of them as regards objects and methods.

23.10.18
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Chief Secretary to
Government.

1 The Senior Surgeon
2 The Hamilton Commissioner
3 Presidency of the Bangalore [illegible]
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